

## **Deana Franke Moving Upstream Award**

Deana Franke has inspired the highest standards for prevention efforts in Oklahoma. In her many leadership roles within the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault she has made sexual violence prevention an institution-wide priority by encouraging membership and staff and insisting that we focus on prevention. For more than 20 years Deana told us the story of going upstream to rescue individuals before they fell into the river and had to be pulled out. She didn't let us forget that prevention is how we stop the violence from occurring in the first place. As an early champion of sexual violence prevention and her commitment to safer homes and communities, Deana inspired and cajoled us into developing a prevention program and then supported and encouraged our efforts.

### **Deana's Story of Moving Upstream: A Story of Prevention and Intervention**

In a small town, a group of fishermen gathered down at the river. Not long after they got there, a child came floating down the rapids calling for help. One of the group on the shore quickly dived in and pulled the child out. Minutes later another child came, then another, and then many more children were coming down the river. Soon everyone was diving in and dragging children to the shore, then jumping back in to save as many as they could. In the midst of all this frenzy, one of the group was seen walking away. Her colleagues were irate. How could she leave when there were so many children to save? After long hours, to everyone's relief, the flow of children stopped, and the group could finally catch their breath. At that moment, their colleague came back. They turned on her and angrily shouted: "How could you walk off when we needed everyone here to save the children?" She replied, "It occurred to me that someone ought to go upstream and find out why so many kids were falling into the river. What I found is that the old wooden bridge had several planks missing, and when some children tried to jump over the gap, they couldn't make it and fell through into the river. So I got someone to fix the bridge.

### **Award Specific's:**

The Oklahoma Prevention Leadership Committee (OPLC) is pleased to announce the selection process for the annual Deana Franke Moving Upstream Award has begun. This award recognizes the creativity and commitment of individuals around the state who have demonstrated outstanding work to end sexual violence.

### **Submit a Nomination:**

**Deadline for Submission: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**Email paper copy: [Mackenzie@ocadvsa.org](mailto:Mackenzie@ocadvsa.org)**

**Online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DeanaFranke2017>**

**Nomination Form**

**Person Submitting Award:**

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**Contact Information:**

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**Nominee Name:**

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**Nominee Contact Information:**

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**Title or Position:**

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**Role Within Community: (check all that apply)**

- Advocate
- Member of Law Enforcement
- Educator/Preventionist
- Healthcare provider
- Member of the media
- Policy maker
- Other

**1.** Please describe the nominee's background and experience as it relates to their contributions to ending sexual violence.

**2.** Please list the nominee's contributions to ending sexual violence and promoting safe, healthy individuals and committees.

**3.** Nominees story in your own words.